

General Meeting at ACKWORTH SCHOOL, 1782.

INSTRUCTIONS AGENTS and others,

To be observed instead of those formerly published.

A GENTS are only to recommend children who are entitled to membership in the society: they are to discourage such being sent hither whose parents are well able to send them to other boarding schools.

No children are to be admitted younger than eight years of age, and none to remain in the house after they are fourteen years of age.

When admission for a child is wanted, application must be made to one of the agents appointed by a Quarterly Meeting, who must fill up a printed recommendation, and send it to John Ady, in London; and when informed by him of a vacancy, the agent must remit eight guineas to John Chorley.

Every child is to be examined by a medical person, whose certificate of his or her being in health, and free from sores or infectious disorders, must be sent with the child to the school.

The children are to bring with them the following articles of clothing, and the like quantity will be returned when they leave the school, viz.

Boys

- 1 Hat
- 2 Coats
- 2 Waistcoats
- 2 Pair of Breeches
- 3 Shirts
- 3 Handkerchiefs
- 3 Pair Stockings
- 2 Pair Shoes

Girls

- 1 Hat
- 1 Cloak, not Silk
- 1 Pair Stays
- 1 Pocket
- 1 Pair Mitts
- 2 Stuff Gowns
- 2 Petticoats
- 2 Under ditto
- 3 Shifts
- 2 Check Aprons and Bibs
- 1 White Apron
- 2 Pocket Handkerchiefs
- 2 Neck ditto
- 3 Tuckers
- 2 Caps
- 2 Night ditto
- 2 Pair Stockings
- 2 Pair Shoes

Friends are not limited with respect to the quantity to be sent with them; but there must not be less than is above described; the house engaging to return no more than the kind and quantities specified.

It is desired that the clothing sent with the children may be strong and substantial, as such will be returned; also, that the several articles may be marked with the number of their bills of admittance: remnants of cloth, stuff, linings, &c. the same as the clothes sent with the children, will be acceptable to repair them. No washing gowns or waistcoats will be received.

It is thought proper, to prevent any distinction in this school, that no parents or friends of children shall send any clothing after their first admittance.

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In consideration of the expence of conveying children to and from remote parts, an allowance of two-pence for every mile, exceeding fifty miles, will be paid by the Treasurer, on receiving the child at Ackworth, or he will give an order to John Chorley for payment thereof: in case the child stays two years in the school, the same allowance will be made on its return, but not otherwise.

The allowance for children from Scotland to be twenty shillings each, in lieu of the two-pence per mile, and the same on their return. No allowance will be made for a child's conveyance a second time.

The pocket-money sent with children must be deposited in the hands of the school-master or mistress, and given to them in sums not exceeding one penny per week.

No parents or friends are to take any of the scholars out of the bounds of these premises, when they come to visit them.

Letters sent to the children, or, on their account, by their friends, to agents or the treasurer, to be post-paid.

When children are to be continued in the school beyond the time they are entitled to by the bills of admittance, eight guineas must be sent to the treasurer, or to John Chorley, at least one month before the time expires.

It is agreed that the treasurer, or John Ady, shall in future send notice to the agents, six weeks before the expiration of the year for which any child is in the house, desiring to know, as soon as may be, if it be intended that such child shall continue, and that in case an answer be not received to such notice in four weeks, the child shall be discharged at the end of such year.

Fourteen days notice must be given, previous to the taking away any child, otherwise the institution is not to be accountable for the condition of the clothing; and no child must be brought, or taken away, on the first day of the week.

In order that the good effects of education at this school may as much as possible be preserved, it is recommended to parents and others concerned for the children for whom places are wanted, to give six months notice to the treasurer at Ackworth, that their names may be entered in a book for that purpose.

Such children whose year shall expire between the ages of thirteen and fourteen, for whom proper places are not provided, may continue one, two, or three quarters of a year, at the usual rate, provided they do not stay after the age of fourteen; the amount of the charge for the said one, two, or three quarters of a year, must be previously remitted to John Chorley, in London, or to the treasurer at Ackworth.

Children are to be taken away within one week after the expiration of the bills of admittance, but if any stay that time, or longer, five shillings per week is to be paid.

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For every child who takes the small-pox in the natural way, or by inoculation, one guinea shall be paid to the institution; and in case any children die of that or any other disorder in the school, the treasurer may return two guineas for each whole quarter unexpired, deducting one guinea for expenses of the funeral.

The agent is to deliver a copy of these instructions, when application is made for admittance, and also to the parents or friends of the children now in the school.